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Dennis J. Cox Appointed Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools

The New Jersey State Board of Education today approved the appointment of Dennis J. Cox of Warren as the new Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools. Cox comes to Hunterdon County from the Passaic County Office of Education, where he had served as an administrative assistant to Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, Passaic County Superintendent of Schools and Northern Region Coordinating County Superintendent of Schools.

The new county superintendent is a 28-year career educator who began his career in 1972 as an elementary school teacher in Jersey City. In 1987, he became the substance awareness coordinator for the Jersey City Public Schools. He joined the New Jersey Department of Education two years later as an education specialist on issues related to drug and alcohol abuse.

In 1996, he was named coordinator of the department's Safe Schools Initiative, where he was responsible for planning, executing and monitoring the implementation of the state-level programs and initiatives designed to help create safe learning environments for students and school staff. In the following year, he accepted a position that had him working actively with representatives of the 30 Abbott school districts in their efforts to implement whole school reform.

Cox holds a masters degree in administration and supervision from Kean College and earned his bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He holds an elementary education certificate from Jersey City State College.

County superintendents of schools are appointed by the Commissioner and approved by the State Board of Education to serve for three-year terms. They are responsible for assisting local school districts in their counties with educational planning and program improvement. They are also responsible for conducting and approving fiscal, educational facility and transportation services in their counties. County superintendents meet regularly with local superintendents to discuss state-level developments in education and help to identify needs and trends.